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NATIONAL ENGINEERING MANUAL (NEM) TITLE 210 NOTICE MN-5

Subject: Part 501 - Authorizations,

<u>Purpose</u>. To distribute the revised Minnesota Supplement to the National Engineering Manual Part 501 - Authorizations.

Effective Date. This amendment is effective when received.

Explanation:

NEM Part 501 - Authorizations.

This section has been revised to convert the process of delegating, approving and concurring Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) to an electronic database process. This revision also includes some minor adjustments to the Minnesota EJAA chart. The changes were made to address several comments received from field users as well as to better align the Minnesota chart with the National Job Class criteria.

Additional guidance will be provided via email and uploaded to the web regarding the use of the database.

Changes made to MN 501 Subpart A include:

• Paragraphs B(5)(iii) through B(5)(vii) were updated to reflect the new electronic nature of Minnesota EJAA.

<u>Filing Instructions</u>: If a hard copy of the NEM and its associated Minnesota supplements are being maintained:

<u>Remove</u>: All existing Minnesota Supplements for Part 501 and insert the April 2017 Minnesota Supplement.

The Minnesota supplements are located on the Minnesota NRCS web site under Topics – Technical Resources – Engineering – Manuals and Handbooks / MN Supplements – Title 210 National Engineering Manual, and the following link:

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mn/technical/?cid=nrcs142p2 023723.

Paper versions of the supplement will not be distributed. Field staff should contact their Area Engineer for engineering policy questions.

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